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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT: JBFIELD CHECK LIST OF POINTS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION.**

1. Establishment of Joint Security Board in Athens. Bob Minor promised to take this matter up with Grady on his return from Italy and to advise as soon as the order was issued. Grady was due back on or about 7 October, and as no word has been received from Minor a follow-up should be sent to him.

2. Provision for Operational Aircraft. A decision should be obtained from FGW on Monday. The most desirable solution would be to obtain from the Air Force the assignment of a USAF C-47 to Athens to be used as Communications Aircraft and the assignment of a C-47 to Wheelus Field to be used for drop operations. General North in Athens has agreed to provide maintenance for the Communications Aircraft and has suggested that a civilian crew be used under MATS technical cover. From our standpoint it would be more desirable to obtain regular USAF personnel to carry out this operation. Two complete crews would be needed. This operation might be sold to the Air Force in terms of an experimental use of an entirely new type of communication which may become generally used in war time. We should also attempt to obtain from the Air Force their agreement to the use of a USAF ferry crew to take the drop aircraft from Wheelus Field to and from Dana where markings would be removed. On delivery of the aircraft to Dana the aircraft would be turned over to a Polish operational crew and all aircraft markings would be removed. Fictitious markings might possibly be applied. On completion of the operation the USAF crew would return the aircraft to Wheelus Field where it would be held until the next operation was mounted.

Failing agreement of the Air Force to all of the above, we should be prepared, if necessary, (a) to purchase aircraft from the RAF, and (b) to provide an American civilian crew for the operation of the Communications Aircraft from Athens.

3. Approval should be obtained from the Department of State for the overt establishment by the Committee of a refugee holding camp in Greece near the Albanian frontier. The purpose of this camp would be to provide a collection point for defectors escaping from Albania. The American Charge d'affaires, Athens, has been consulted on this and sees no objection to it. Minor was to consult Grady on his return and advise us Grady's reaction. A follow-up should be sent to Minor. Minor has in mind three or four superior type Pixies who are now in Athens and could be used to organize and operate such a camp.

4. General Holding Area. Decision should be reached as quickly as possible of the location of the general holding area. It is believed that

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this holding area should be used for purely overt activities, and should provide for the maintenance and evaluation of Pixies prior to requirements for their operational use. The British have agreed to reopen Cyrenaica with Strang on the above basis and will advise us of their results. This should be followed up with [ ] The possibility of establishment of such an overt holding area in U.S. Zone, Germany, should be raised with the State Department. If the French are cut in, French North Africa offers another alternate.

5. Draft instructions to [ ] and to the U.K. representative [ ] should be prepared authorizing them to acquaint Ribiere with the general nature of FIEND operation and to request such assistance as he may be able to provide. This should be cleared with [ ] and [ ] and sent out as a joint headquarters directive.

6. Reorganization of the Committee. [ ] was scheduled to arrive in Rome on Friday, and we should receive by Monday a full report on Kupi's reaction to the Balli Kombetar Proposal of Desti as the Head of the Committee. [ ] has just advised me that London favors Kupi as Head of the Committee. This confirms the attitude of the British during my talks with them on Wednesday. A decision should be made here on the man we desire to support for Chairman. An agreement of the British should be obtained. After this has been done a meeting of the Executive Committee should be arranged as early as possible. Because of the difficulty of moving personnel in and out of Italy, Rome seems to be the most desirable spot. [ ] should be advised that [ ] is available and ready to come to Rome for this meeting if agreeable to [ ]; [ ] should not be sent without [ ] concurrence.

7. Arrangements should be made for early dispatch of three short-wave broadcast transmitters, together with other items of equipment, to London. The British have agreed to arrange for the shipment from London to Malta. At the same time arrangements should be made for the movement of our communications officer to Malta through London. The British have agreed to provide the Albanian announcer, the boat, and the technician to operate the broadcast equipment.

8. Charles Thayer, Head of the "Voice of America" has agreed to provide us with a suitable psychological operations officer to run the broadcasting and other propaganda activities. This should be followed up with Thayer as soon as possible in order that the necessary clearances and other arrangements can be completed. Arrangements should be made for the transfer of [ ] to us as quickly as possible. The Head of the ECA Mission in Athens has approved [ ] transfer to us and has agreed to effect any sort of cover arrangements we desire. As soon as these arrangements are completed Minor should be informed and Grady asked to transfer [ ] from ECA to the Joint Security Board.

9. [ ] should be approached on the release of [ ] to us. If approved, papers should be processed for his assignment to the Athens Embassy as [ ]. Minor will make the necessary arrangements

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for [ ] insofar as Athens is concerned. [ ] [ ] and [ ] should be dispatched to Athens for assignment to the Joint Security Board as soon as Minor confirms its establishment.

10. [ ] has found that his civilian cover considerably hampers rapid movements from one country to another. Now that he is charged with the operation, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain his original cover, and he has therefore asked that arrangements be made for giving him official status. As he is a Naval Reserve Officer he suggests that [ ] card. [ ] It may be necessary to bring him back here in order to provide him with a new passport.

11. Arrangements should be concluded at the earliest possible date for the establishment of a joint headquarters in Washington, and the necessary personnel assignments to it should be made. It is particularly important that all future substantive decisions be made in the name of this joint headquarters, as the British are now completely agreeable to the establishment of a Joint FIEND Headquarters in Athens, and as soon as it is established will assign three or four officers there. They also agree that all subordinate field stations, including Corfu, Malta, and Rome, will come under this joint headquarters.

12. I was advised by Minor that a [ ] had been sent by the Army to Athens to direct a propaganda attack against the guerrillas. Now that the civil war is over, at least temporarily, Bursley is without a job, and Minor suggests that he might be assigned to our organization.

13. [ ] has asked that his [ ] be checked to be sure that his [ ] to that office are being picked up and that occasional letters be dispatched from them.

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